Mayor Moritz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Those present per roll call taken by City Clerk Tammi Casey: Mayor Moritz, Rethmeyer, Blacksher, Fleischmann, Allen, McArthur, Plunk, Seidenstricker, Mullins, Traxler, Turner (excused), Lehmann (excused), Allison Sweeney, Crutchley, Pogorzelski, Kroupa (excused) and Chief Carroll.

STATEMENT BY MAYOR MORITZ

Mayor Moritz issued the following statement regarding the state auditors - "We were notified in late 2024 by the Missouri Auditor's office that it was going to investigate allegations made by a group of residents unhappy with the Arnold Parkway proposal. The two audit managers came to closed sessions of the Arnold City Council in late 2024 and early 2025. In both times they asked questions and made statements. The last time we met with them was in July 2025 when the audit managers came to what they called a pre-closeout session. I was the mayor for that meeting. Mayor Counts had presided at the two previous sessions. We were optimistic in July the audit distraction was finally coming to a close. In that session the auditors admitted nothing improper, or illegal was done by the city. We answered their questions and they answered questions of ours. We optimistically figured that it might close out by the end of the year. On February 9th, I received a message from the auditor's office that they were nearing the end of the draft audit report and requested that we schedule time for their presentation of the report in closed session. I declined the request for a closed session. We went back and forth a few times and yesterday, the 4th of March, I notified the auditor that it is my decision to hold an open session on 16 April. The auditors are welcome to come and present their findings before the city council and the city in open session. That is all that I am going to say about this right now as the preliminary report is confidential as declared by the auditors. Stay tuned."

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

William Froelich, 1760 Pomme Road – Spoke to council regarding the easement the City is trying to obtain from him for the Pomme Road Project. He received a letter from the Sweeney Law Firm regarding a hearing for condemnation of the property. Mr. Froelich stated he wants transparency and to have all offers in writing, so he knows exactly what the plan is, as there are a few items he believes need to be addressed first.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 19, 2026**
B. **PAYROLL WARRANT #T00977 IN THE AMOUNT OF $440,590.22**
C. **GENERAL WARRANT #5901 IN THE AMOUNT OF $642,033.19**

Rodney Mullins made a motion and so moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Gary Plunk. Roll call vote: Rethmeyer, yes; Blacksher, yes; Fleischmann, yes; Allen, yes; McArthur, yes; Plunk, yes; Seidenstricker, yes; Mullins, yes; 8 Yeas: **Motion carried.**

ORDINANCES

NONE

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO 26-07 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SPENCER CONTRACTING COMPANY TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE 2026 CONCRETE STREET REPAIR PROJECT FOR THE CITY OF ARNOLD

Brian McArthur made a motion and so moved to approve Resolution No 26-07. Seconded by Tim Seidenstricker. Roll call vote: Rethmeyer, yes; Blacksher, yes; Fleischmann, yes; Allen, yes; McArthur, yes; Plunk, yes; Seidenstricker, yes; Mullins, yes; 8 Yeas: **Resolution passed.**

RESOLUTION NO 26-08 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SPENCER CONTRACTING COMPANY TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE 2026 ASPHALT OVERLAY AND REPAIR PROJECT FOR THE CITY OF ARNOLD

Brian McArthur made a motion and so moved to approve Resolution No 26-08. Seconded by Peggy Allen. Roll call vote: Rethmeyer, yes; Blacksher, yes; Fleischmann, yes; Allen, yes; McArthur, yes; Plunk, yes; Seidenstricker, yes; Mullins, yes; 8 Yeas: **Resolution passed.**

RESOLUTION NO 26-09 – A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING ALAN BESS AND BRETT KELLER TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Brian McArthur made a motion and so moved to approve Resolution No 26-09. Seconded by EJ Fleischmann. Roll call vote: Rethmeyer, yes; Blacksher, yes; Fleischmann, yes; Allen, yes; McArthur, yes; Plunk, yes; Seidenstricker, yes; Mullins, yes; 8 Yeas: **Resolution passed.**

MOTIONS

A. **A MOTION TO APPROVE LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

Tammi Casey stated the Liquor Committee had nothing to bring forward this evening.

B. A MOTION TO HOLD A CLOSED SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO RSMO 610.021 (1)

Troy Blacksher made a motion and so moved to hold a closed session immediately following the city council meeting. Seconded by Michael Rethmeyer. Roll call vote: Rethmeyer, yes; Blacksher, yes; Fleischmann, yes; Allen, yes; McArthur, yes; Plunk, yes; Seidenstricker, yes; Mullins, yes; 8 Yeas: **Motion carried.**

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Moritz – Stated his thoughts and prayers are with the 6 military members who lost their lives this week.

Rodney Mullins, Ward 3 – Thanked the police department for the diligence in reducing tractor trailer traffic on Arnold Tenbrook.

Brian McArthur, Ward 2 – Thanked Del Williams for his many years of service on the Planning Commission.

Peggy Allen, Ward 3 – Stated she received a phone call from a constituent requesting the City review its Code in regard to Fireworks. He informed her that with all the new roofs in the city after last year's tornado, he's afraid there may be a fire.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chief Carroll – Informed everyone that the 5th annual Back the Blue Trivia Event will be held March 21st at 6:00 p.m.

Dave Crutchley – Informed everyone that Spring Brush Pick-Up will begin on March 23rd and a Winter Farmer's Market will be held March 14th.

Mayor Moritz announced a 10-minute recess before going into Closed Session.

Closed Session ended at 7:39 p.m.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gary Plunk. Seconded by Peggy Allen.

Voice vote: All Yeas.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Tammi Casey

City Clerk Tammi Casey, CMC/MRCC-S

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MAYOR	BILL MORITZ	PRESENT					
COUNCIL:	MICHAEL RETHMEYER	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
COUNCIL:	TROY BLACKSHER	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
COUNCIL:	EJ FLEISCHMANN	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
COUNCIL:	PEGGY ALLEN	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
COUNCIL:	BRIAN MCARTHUR	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
COUNCIL:	GARY PLUNK	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
COUNCIL:	TIM SEIDENSTRICKER	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
COUNCIL:	RODNEY MULLINS	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

CITY ADMINISTRATOR	ANTHONY TRAXLER	PRESENT	PARKS DIR:	DAVE CRUTCHLEY	PRESENT
CITY CLERK	TAMMI CASEY	PRESENT	PUBLIC WORKS:	JAMES POGORZELSKI	PRESENT
COM DEV	SARAH TURNER	EXCUSED	TREASURER:	DAN KROUPA	EXCUSED
FINANCE DIRECTOR	BILL LEHMANN	EXCUSED	POLICE DEPT.	CHIEF CARROLL	PRESENT
CITY ATTORNEY	ALLISON SWEENEY	PRESENT			